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**From:** Vuong, Stephanie [Vuong.Stephanie@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 10/27/2016 6:07:53 PM  
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**CC:** Bielenberg, Ben [Bielenberg.Ben@epa.gov]; Heffernan, Daniel [Heffernan.Daniel@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Transition - Top 3 State / Tribal Issues (due to HQ Fri, 10/28)  
**Attachments:** R8\_Top 3 State & Tribal Issues\_10.27.16.docx

Shaun & Deb,

Attached is the list of potential "Top 3" issues for you to choose from. I placed a hard copy outside of Deb's office.

Please choose your Top 3 for each state & for the tribes by COB Today / Thursday. We will clean up & submit to HQ by their deadline tomorrow / Friday.

Thanks,  
Stephanie

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SLT,

I incorporated the top state & tribal issues that you brainstormed into this document. **Please add any additional suggestions by Noon Thursday, 10/27.** At that point, we will share the full list with Shaun & Deb to narrow down to top 3's. Also – a heads up -- once the top 3's are selected we may reach out individually if we need additional verbiage for those items.

Thanks,  
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SLT,

Our next data call for the transition is to populate a list of **top 3 issues for each of our states**. This information will go into state profile templates, which will otherwise be populated in HQ. In addition, please come with ideas for the **top tribal issues** for our region; not each tribe, but collectively in R8. Do not include any legal issues; OGC has a separate section in the profile templates that they will populate.

Please use [this document](#) to provide your input **NLT Noon Thurs, 10/27** so the information can be compiled and reviewed by the RA/DRA prior to submission. This topic can be discussed at **Monday's SLT Meeting** as well.

This list should include those things that reflect major challenges and general issues of concern. Suggestions re: where to look for ideas : 1) your year-end FY16 org assessment input; 2) the top management issues already submitted through the transition activities ([link on OneDrive](#)); and 3) issues discussed at FY16 state director meetings / state mid-years.

**Example response for a state:**

1. Diversion of trust fund \$ from State's environmental to highway fund
2. Conflict over water rights with XX
3. Inaction on CPP implementation

Thank you,  
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